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MEDIAREACTION ON LAW OF SEA, APRIL 11, 1978

U.S. MISSION, GENEVA, ATTN: LOS DELEGATION.

1. EL ESPECTADOR APRIL 2 CARRIES ANALYSIS OF LOS QUESTIONS
WITH FOLLOWING TYPICAL OF SLANT: "AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL,
THE THEME OF THE SEA HAS BECOME A NEW AND POWERFUL NEGOTIATING
WEAPON SIMILAR TO OIL. THIS IS VERY USEFUL FOR DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES WHICH, UNITED, CAN GAIN THE BASE FOR A NEW ECONOMIC
WORLD ORDER... (REGARDING SEABED MINING RIGHTS) THE INDUSTRIAL
COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO IMPOSE THEIR RIGHT TO EXPLOIT
SEABED RESOURCES WITH TOTAL LIBERTY, SINCE THEY KNOW THEIR
TECHNOLOGY WILL ENABLE THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE (OT THOSE
RESOURCES) AND REDUCE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON CONTINENTAL
SUPPLIES."

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2. APRIL 10 EDITION CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY, GUION, CARRIES FOUR
PAGE SPREAD ON HISTORY OF LOS AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES,
FOCUSING SPECIFICALLY ON GOC PARTICIPATION IN PAST AND PRESENT
CONFERENCES. ANALYSIS FOLLOWED BY FULL PAGE COMMENTARY BY
FORMER FONMIN ALFREDO VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA, EULOGIZING ROLE
PASTRANA GOVERNMENT IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND CONCLUDING THAT
"THE STAGE OF DEFINING THE ROLES OF THE GAME FOR THE LAW

OF THE SEA IS JUST ABOUT FINISHED.
THE ONLY THING LEFT TO DISCUSS ON THE "COMMON PATRIMONY" IS THE
LEGAL COMPETENCE AND AUTHORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BODY WHICH
WILL ADMINISTER IT." KRISTULA UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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